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PURIM TO BE USHERED IN THURSDAY EVE. MARCH 2

FAST OF ESTHER OBSERVED
THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Purim, one of the minor festivals of the Jewish calendar is observed on the 14th day of Adar, coinciding this year with Friday, March 3.

On Thursday evening March 2, Mincha will commence at 5:45 p.m. in Congregations Adath Jeshurun, Agudath Achim, Machzikei Hadath and B'nai Jacob, followed by Maariv at 6:00 p.m., after which the "Megillat Esther" will be read. At the Agudath Israel Congregation, Evening Services will start at 7:00 p.m., followed by the reading of the Megillah.

On Friday morning, March 3, Services in Congregations Adath Jeshurun, Agudath Achim, Machzikei Hadath and B'nai Jacob will start at 7:00 a.m., and in the Agudath Israel at 8:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE VAAD HAKASHRUTH

The following kosher butcher shops are under the Hashgachaa (supervision) of the Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth:

Cantor's Kosher Meat Market,
470 St. Patrick Street.

Halison Kosher Meat Market,
25 Nelson Street.

Ottawa Kosher Meat Market,
81A Clarence Street.

All fresh meats, fowl and meat products such as smoked meats, frankfurters, salami, etc., served in any of our Synagogues or the Histadrut Centre must be secured from any of the above-mentioned meat shops.

The following brands of supply are acceptable:

Chicago Kosher Sausage Co.,
Winnipeg, Man., under the supervision of
Rabbi Myer Schwartzman.

Greenspan's Kosher Sausage Factory,
Toronto, Ont., under the supervision of
Rabbi Dr. David Ochs.

For all other brands, please consult
Rabbi Lifschutz before using same.

In purchasing meat products be sure
to look for the name of the recognized
manufacturer and the Rabbi supervising
the product.

**SUPPORT THE
CANADIAN RED CROSS
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN
MARCH 1 - 31**

Twenty-Sixth Annual Histadrut Campaign Gets Under Way March 7



REUVEN SCHREIBMAN, Deputy
Mayor of Jerusalem and Member of the
Israeli Knesset who will be the Guest
Speaker at the Inaugural Dinner of the
Histadrut Campaign on March 7.

"CARE" TO HANDLE PASSOVER PARCELS

As a contribution towards the alleviation of Israel's economy which has been aggravated by intense immigration, CARE has announced the immediate availability of a new Passover package.

This package, available at \$11, has been approved by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the Government of Israel.

Orders may be placed at CARE Headquarters, 73 Albert street, Ottawa.

Arrangements are rapidly being completed for the inauguration of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Histadrut Campaign which will be launched with a Dinner on Tuesday evening, March 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Ballroom of the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. L. Achbar and with the enthusiastic co-operation of the Histadrut League, the Pioneer Women and the Israeli Forum, no effort is being spared to ensure the success of the dinner as well as the campaign as a whole.

Mr. Reuven Schreiber, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem and member of the Israeli Knesset will be the Guest Speaker. Mr. Schreiber has spoken with signal success before numerous audiences in the United States and Canada and will have a first-hand message to deliver from the people of the Holy Land.

Mr. Menachem Reuben, world-renowned artist of the Yiddish stage will be the Guest Artist. Mr. Reuben plans a rich and varied program for your enjoyment.

The Consul-General of Israel to Canada, Mr. Avraham Harman, will be the guest of honour at the dinner.

A record crowd is expected and those planning to attend are urged to secure their tickets as early as possible from Messrs. Harry Goldenberg, 4-2554, A. L. Achbar, 6-2323, M. Shabinsky 4-2025, Sam Macy, 8-2934, Harold Shaffer, 5-1886, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shinder, 2-8800, Mr. and Mrs. D. Green, 2-0376 or from any member of the Histadrut League, Pioneer Women and the Israeli Forum.

12th Annual Mizrahi Dinner

Devoted to Mirachi's Membership Drive

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 5th, at 6:30 P.M.

Vestry Rooms

CONGREGATION MACHZIKEI HADATH
King Edward Avenue at Murray Street

Guest Speaker

RABBI MAX KIRSHBLUM

Executive Vice-President, Mizrahi Organization of America
One of America's outstanding orators.

Admission is by ticket only. In view of the limited seating capacity, you are urged to secure your tickets immediately from Mrs. H. Bessin, 5-6828, Mrs. M. Zbar, 4-0124, or Mr. S. Spevak, 4-1916.

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PURIM LAWS AND CUSTOMS

1. The Sabbath before Purim is known as "Parshat Zachor"—the Sabbath when we read as the Maftir (prophetic) portion the paragraph reminding us not to forget what Amalek did to our fathers after the Exodus from Egypt—when they attacked our fathers when they thought they were safe—to remember at all times that the Lord will save us from tyranny and oppression.

2. The day before Purim is "Taanith Esther" — a fast day to commemorate the fast which Esther and all the Jews observed in their appeal to God for rescue.

3. The Megillah or Scroll of Esther is read in the Synagogue immediately after Maariv, the evening service and at the Shachris (morning) service.

4. It is customary to give three half dollars before the reading of the Megillah to be distributed to the needy. They correspond to the half shekel donated by every adult Jew during Temple days.

5. A mourner is obliged to hear the Megillah even during the week of Shivah.

6. On the morning of Purim, three men are called to the Torah. After the Sefer Torah has been returned to the Ark, the Megillah is read. Tefillin are not removed until after the conclusion of the reading of the Megillah.

7. It is the duty of every man, woman, and child to hear the Megillah read on the eve of Purim and also in the morning.

8. Gifts — known as "Shalach Monos" (sending of gifts) are customarily exchanged. Matanot L'evyonim (Gifts to the poor) are usually distributed.

9. The day after Purim is known as "Shushan Purim" in memory of the fact that the Jews of Shushan, the capital of Persia, celebrated Purim a day later, since they were engaged in battle an additional day.

BOOK NOTES

By Deborah Lifschutz

CHALLENGING YEARS. By Stephen S. Wise. Thomas Allen Limited. Toronto. 1949. 323 pp.

Challenging Years is the autobiography of the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, one of the greatest Jews and Americans of our generation. It is not the usual self-centered story of personal events, but rather that of the man with prophetic insight and foresight into the compelling needs of both the people of Israel and those of his adopted country. It is the story of how Stephen Wise pursued certain lines of endeavour, gave himself to the full, to those forces to which he contributed his heart, his mind, his very being, and all the varied richness of an open-faced and glorious personality.

Thus, his theme songs were, the rebirth of Israel, in the land of Israel, the defense of Jewish rights the world over, and the development of a true democracy in the United States. He flung himself with abandon to the struggle for the establishment of the land of Israel, the fulfillment of the Herzian dream, and clean politics. And so, we find him in the presence of the world's leading statesmen, thunderingly pleading and defending his people's cause.

In his role as a Rabbi, he displayed singular independence of mind and heart, refusing to surrender to the vested interests of a board of trustees. Thus, as a young man, he declined the pulpit of America's Cathedral Synagogue, Temple Emanuel, when told that the pulpit was "subject to the control of its governing body." He has shown the way to Rabbis of every phase of Jewish religious orientation today, to live and practice with courage, the dictates of his heart and mind.

This autobiography was published posthumously, from his manuscripts, and was made possible through the relationship, confidence and understanding displayed by the late Dr. Stephen Wise, to one of Ottawa's gifted sons, Dr. David Petegorsky, who generously helped to prepare the manuscript of this book.

THE STORY BIBLE - VOL. I. By Dorothy F. Zeligs. Behrman House Inc. New York. 1949.

This is the story of the development of the Jewish people from the time of Abraham through the life of Moses, interwoven with legends from the Midrash. It is written with a keen insight into the interests of children, and will be read with delight by children eight to eleven years old. In addition to this, Dorothy Zeligs has kept the richness of the Bible by retaining though with slight modifications, a great deal of the Biblical language.

UNDER THE FIG TREE. By Yitzhak Shenberg. Transl. by I. M. Lask. Schocken Books. New York. 1948. 122 pp. \$1.50.

Yitzhak Shenberg, one of Israel's most gifted authors, has written a collection of stories which give us the problems and the doubts of the various types of people living in Palestine today. The story of the Yemenite girl who was forced into marriage against her will, the disappointments of the worker who leaves his settlement, the lame watchman who muses about life and death, all give us an insight into the individuals living in Palestine. This book is both well written and finely translated.

TEN DAYS TILL HARVEST. By Elsie Ball. Illus. By Kurt Werth. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. New York. 1949. 128 pp. \$1.75.

This is a charming adventure story taking place during the days of the prophets in ancient Israel. Nathan, son of a Judean farmer, whose land was taken from him dishonestly, is kidnapped by robbers, as he travels to seek the help of Micah the prophet. He escapes and is aided by a Phoenician chieftain who sends him to Jerusalem with his servant. In fascinating and realistic manner, Miss Ball relates the dynamic attitudes of the prophets on behalf of justice and the rights of the common man. This is a good book for a child of seven or eight.

MOLLY AND THE SABBATH QUEEN. By Sadie Rose Weilerstein. Behrman House Inc. New York. 1949. \$1.00.

David is the oldest, Joseph the baby, and Molly is the middle one of the family. David was named after King David, Joseph was named after Joseph—in—the Bible. But Molly was just Molly. Nobody told any stories about her, and so Molly finds out that she was named for the Sabbath Queen. This is a story written about Molly, and how she helped her mother prepare for the Sabbath. Written for children ages 6—8, Mrs. Weilerstein has brought us the story of the Sabbath, seen through a child's eyes in all its warmth and tradition.

TOMORROW IS BEAUTIFUL. By Lucy Robbins Lang. MacMillan Co. New York. 1948. \$3.50.

"Tomorrow is Beautiful" is the story of the Jewish immigrant during the period of labour difficulties in the United States during the early part of the 20th century. Lucy Lang tells her story simply, sincerely and effectively, the story of her life, a Jewess who started as a one dollar a week worker and rose to prominence as a leader in the labour movement.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS AND PURIM CELEBRATIONS

ADATH JESHURUN

Members are reminded that Purim Services will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2, in the Congregation, 375 King Edward Avenue. The Megillah will be read at 6:15 p.m., and children are especially invited to be present. A Purim treat will be given to each youngster present.

The Purim Meeting of the Sisterhood will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 8 at 3 o'clock, in the form of a Jam Shower, proceeds of which will be turned over to the Ottawa Day Nursery and the Protestant Children's Village.

Mr. Bernard M. Alexandor, President of the Synagogue-Centre Project, has accepted an invitation to address the meeting and will speak on the latest developments in the plan.

An Operetta entitled "In the Name of the King" will be presented by pupils of the Ottawa Hebrew Religious School, as an added feature.

AGUDATH ACHIM

The regular monthly meeting of the Sisterhood held January 25 featured an address by Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschutz on "Jewish Music Month." The Rabbi illustrated his remarks with a number of selected recordings.

On Saturday evening, March 4 at 8:30 p.m., a Purim Party is being held at the Histadrut Centre for members, seat-holders and friends.

A highly enjoyable program has been arranged. In addition to games, refreshments and musical selections by Sol Goldfarb and Mrs. J. Raichman, a comedy pantomime set to music entitled "A Purim Travesty" will be presented. Participants are Mrs. P. Addelman, Mrs. H. Mosion, Mrs. I. Levine, Mrs. I. Podolsky, Mrs. N. Stein, Mrs. P. Swedko, Mrs. M. Zbar, Sam. Baylin, John Craft, Sol Goldfarb, Michael Greenberg and David Molot. Tickets are \$1.00 per person. Mrs. H. Mosion is convenor of the Purim Party.

MACHZIKEI HADATH

On January 23, a movie night was held for members of the Congregation. Mrs. H. Goldenberg, President of the Sisterhood, was in the chair. A full length feature and two shorts were shown through the courtesy of Mr. Jack Winters, who was tendered a vote of thanks by Mrs. Morris Levinson. Tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting under the convensorship of Mrs. Morris Greenberg.

A Children's Purim Party for children of the members of the Congregation will be held Saturday evening, March 4, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

MIZRACHI DINNER GUEST SPEAKER



RABBI MAX KIRSHBLUM, Executive Vice-President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, member of the Praesidium of the World Mizrahi Federation and distinguished religious leader who will be the guest speaker at the 12th Annual Mizrahi Dinner to be held Sunday evening, March 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the Vestry Rooms of the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

MATZOS AND PASSOVER GOODS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

Beckman Bros., 169 York St.

Cantor's Kosher Meat Market,
470 St. Patrick St.

Dain's Grocery, 408 Rideau Street.

R. Farber, 154 Friel Street.

E. Gershon, 228 Clarence Street.

Halison Kosher Meat Market,
25 Nelson Street.

J. Marcovitch, 83 Friel Street.

Ottawa Kosher Meat Market,
81A Clarence Street.

Sugarman's Fine Foods,
384 Rideau Street

AGUDATH ISRAEL

A children's Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday morning, March 5, at 11 a.m., in the Auditorium of the Congregation, 30 Rosemount Avenue. The same evening the teen-aged Junior League will hold a Purim Party in the Auditorium.

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend the Bingo to be held Wednesday evening, March 8, at 8:30 p.m.

L. PETEGORSKY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT HEBREW FREE LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association was held February 16 in the Vestry Rooms of the Agudath Achim Congregation. The officers elected for the coming year follow:

Pres.: Leon Petegorsky; Vice-Pres.: Alex Betcherman, Samuel Lepofsky, K.C.; Treas.: Myer N. Drazin; Hon. Sec.: S. A. Kronick; Hon. Directors: Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz, Rabbi M. D. Margolis, Mrs. A. H. Coplan, J. Freedman; Hon. Solicitor: Hyman Soloway; Hon. Auditor: Martin K. Levinson; Exec. Sec.: S. R. Roodman.

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Ladies Committee: Mrs. S. Berger, Mrs. A. Betcherman, Mrs. M. Betcherman, Mrs. A. Brunberg, Mrs. M. N. Drazin, Mrs. D. Epstein, Mrs. H. Gould, Mrs. S. A. Kronick, Mrs. L. Petegorsky, Miss O. Pullan, Mrs. J. Rachlin, Mrs. S. J. Ritt, Mrs. C. Robin, Mrs. M. Roodman, Mrs. R. Sadinsky, Mrs. M. Shenkman, Mrs. J. Weinstein, Mrs. M. Zagerman, Mrs. D. Zelikovitz, Mrs. N. Zelikovitz, Mrs. S. Zelikovitz.

MACHZIKEI HADATH CHEVRA MISHNAYOS HOLDS ELECTIONS

Over 150 members of the Chevra Mishnayos of Congregation Machzikei Hadath were present at the Annual Dinner held February 12 in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue.

Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschutz and Rabbi Boruch Kravetz addressed the gathering.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Hon. Gabbi: M. Lachowitz; Gabbi Rishon: J. Saslove; Gabbi Sheini: H. Pleet; Treas.: I. Nadler; Rec. and Fin. Sec.: L. Gunner.

Plans are now being made for the presentation of a Sefer Torah to the Synagogue in the near future.

SINAI CHAPTER OF HADASSAH TO HOLD FASHION SHOW

On Monday evening, March 6, at 8:15 p.m., the Sinai Chapter of Hadassah will present "A Showing of Spring and Summer Fashions" at the Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park. Tea will be served.

Originally planned for March 7, the Chapter has advanced its Show by one evening in order to avoid conflict with the Histadrut Campaign Dinner.

Tickets for this fashion event of the season may be obtained from Mrs. Henry Feller, telephone 2-0593.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

A PURIM POEM

By Isabella R. Hess

You know the tale of Queen Esther,
The queen so well named the "Star."
And of Mordecai, humble and faithful,
Who guided her life from afar.
Long, long ago lived Queen Esther!
But you must be Esthers too.
You maidens with eyes so thoughtful,
Who bear the proud name of Jew!
And you boys with your hearts a-flaming
With the dawn of your manhood's might,
Remember how Mordecai humble
Stood firm for his faith—and the right!
How clad in his sackcloth and ashes,
As he sat in the dust by the gate,
Yet he pointed the way to Queen Esther
To suffer, and dare, and be great.
You know how the old story ended—
How Haman the dastard at last
Met the fate he had planned for another—
And Israel's danger was past!
But Israel needs now, as ever,
Strong hearts that are fearless and true,
And the honour that Mordecai guarded
Is left now, dear children, with you.
Be fearless, Nay, why should you falter,
When G-d ever guardeth the right?
Be loyal! The faith of your fathers
Hath shown through the dark years like a
light!
And if ever you tire in the struggle,
And the right seems o'ercome and afar,
Then remember the old Purim story,
The story of Esther the "Star."

"UNSCRAMBLE ME"

1. Shalomich Moons
2. Hamantasch
3. Dearmico
4. Thangbi
5. Shauerusa
6. Theres
7. Tisvah
8. Gillhame
9. Arggerg
10. Wallsoq

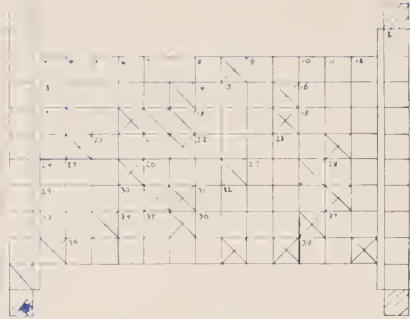
(For answers see next column)

FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

1. Purim falls on the _____ day of _____ (Hebrew date).
2. The day immediately preceding Purim is called the _____.
3. The story of Purim is recorded in the _____.
4. Esther was also called _____.
5. Adloyada is a Purim carnival held in _____.
6. The king of Persia was called _____.
7. The _____ is read on the eve of Purim and on the morning of Purim.
8. _____ did not succeed in his wicked plan against the Jews.
9. _____ Purim is observed after Purim.
10. _____ are eaten on Purim.

(Answers on Page 6)

A PURIM PUZZLE



DOWN

1. King of Persia.
2. Purim-play.
3. Capital of Persia where Purim story took place.
4. Happen (abbrev.).
5. A nation we read about in Haftarah on Sabbath before Purim.
6. Los Angeles (abbrev.).
7. A.
8. Hebrew name for Esther.
9. Scroll.
10. Number.
11. Poor (Hebrew).
12. Seventh day.
15. 2000 pounds.
21. At.
23. Meaning of Esther as a name.
25. Employs.
30. Basket (Hebrew).
32. Yet (Hebrew).
35. College degree.
37. Nation (Hebrew).

ACROSS

- 3-9. Purim present.
13. Villain of Purim story.
14. Consumed.
16. Girl's name.
17. United Palestine Appeal (abbrev.).
18. Animal.
19. Point.
20. Laboratory (abbrev.).
22. Spice.
24. Cry.
26. Confirm.
27. Light (abbrev.).
28. Mother.
29. Queries.
31. Pertaining to the sun.
33. Northeast (abbrev.).
34. Hebrew month.
36. Hebrew month in which Purim occurs.
37. Exclamation.
38. Noise made in water.
39. If (Hebrew).

(Answers on Page 6)

ANSWERS TO "UNSCRAMBLE ME"

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| 1. Mishloach Monos | 10. Gallows. | 5. Mithshloach Monos |
| 2. Hamantasch | 9. Gragger | 4. Bighman |
| 3. Dearmico | 8. Megillah | 7. Mordecai |
| 4. Thangbi | 7. Vashit | 6. Hamantasch |
| 5. Shauerusa | 6. Esther | 1. Mishloach Monos |

OTTAWA HEBREW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM PLANS

The Ottawa Hebrew Religious School will celebrate its Purim Entertainment and Masquerade on Sunday morning, March 5, at the Histadrut Centre. An operetta, "In the Name of the King," will be the main feature of the program, in addition to a dramatized reading of "It's Purim Today," and selected poems and dances by the younger children.

Participating in the program will be: Ruth Addelman, Simone Bright, Hinda Craft, Evelyn Feldman, Connie Feller, Sheila Greenberg, Mina Kapinsky, Marcia Katzman, Charlotte Lesh, Sheila Roodman, Barbara Smith, Rhoda Torontow, Merle Wallack, Beverley Wolfe, Joan Gould, Marilyn Taller, Judith Wolfe, Sandra Nadolny, Larry Kardish, Helen Molot, Goldalyn Maser, Richard Drake, Jeffrey Hurtig, Catherine Wolfe, Louis Levendel, Zelda Jacobson, Judith Silver, Bernard Lief, Howard Borts, Benjamin Rothman, Steward Levine, Alan Gitterman, Stanley Fogel, Bobby Smith, Wendy Wright, Sandra Lesh, Sheila Koffman, Janice Greenberg, Debby Greenberg, Bernice Lief, Brenda Blum, Edith Jacobson, Rhoda Coopersmith, Sheila Dermer, Jeffrey Gould, Libby Weiser.

The Parents Group in their enthusiastic participation in the activities of the Sunday School are serving a special Purim lunch at the end of the program. Each child will receive, in addition, a Purim gift.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

1. The Book of Esther is the only book in the Bible which does not mention G-d's name.
2. The longest verse in the Bible is in Esther 8:9, which has 43 words in Hebrew and 90 words in the English translation.
3. In the states of Missouri and Louisiana, there are towns called Esther.
4. Queen Esther Street is found in the heart of Tel Aviv, Israel.
5. Hadassah was founded on Purim in 1912 as the Hadassah Chapter of a national organization called the Daughters of Zion.

MY GRAGGER

I've got a little gragger
Among my games and toys
And when I turn my gragger
He makes a lot of noise.
My gragger likes Queen Esther
He likes good Mordecai
He'll listen to their story,
As quietly as I.
But if you mention Haman
He'll make an awful sound.
So don't you mention Haman
When my gragger is around!

IT'S PURIM TODAY!*By Morris Epstein*

(Join me now to see a play
That comes but once — on Purim day;
The house lights dim, the curtains part,
Sh-sh-sh the show's about to start:)

King Ahasuerus—not very smart he,
Craves some fun and throws a party
He drinks a cup of wine (or more!)
And then he starts to rant and roar:

"I'll tell you what I'm gonna do!"
He yells and turns a cloudlike blue.
"Queen Vashti, (she's my wife, you know)
Might be persuaded — Ho! Ho! Ho!"

"To join our little revels here
And add a bit to our good cheer.
Perhaps — if we are very gentle —
She'll sing—hic! — though she's tempera-
mental!"

The guests, they cheered and a messenger
flew
To summon Queen Vashti P.D.Q.
Out of breath and quite afraid—
He whispered the command to the royal
maid.

When Vashti heard her husband's order
She thought, "Am I but a fancy boarder?"
She arched her brows, wrinkled her nose
And said "Tell the king to twiddle his toes!"

The king then turned a deeper blue,
His counsellors watched him mumble and
stew;

"No one can do this to me"
He cried: "I'll issue a kingly decree!"

The counsellors quivered, the princes shook,
The vizier opened the royal book,
"Now mark this down. It's my design
That my stubborn wife shall now resign."

(Poor Queen Vashti — she didn't cry,
She simply uttered a noble sigh;
And gathered her belongings and forever
vanished
Oh, wasn't it cruel to have her banished?)

The next day dawned and the king decided
(At the weekly conference over which he
presided)
To hold a contest -- what a notion!
And find a new object for his devotion.

The maidens came—the maidens went
And the judges decided by unanimous con-
sent.

(Not one disapproved—not even the jester)
That the fairest of all was a gal named
Esther.

(The scene now shifts—what's this we see?
Why, her uncle Mordecai, brimming with
glee
Glad that his niece was thus elected.
Not knowing that soon he'll be dejected.)

For Haman the wretch, the slimy villain
Sought out the king in order to spill in
His ear wild tales and distorted views
About Mordecai's people, the faithful Jews.

The king's no genius, he listens and simpers
As wily old Haman cajoles him and
whimpers

"Now listen to me and take my advice—
Of course, I'm speaking without prejudice.

"Have this people demolished, destroyed.
—There are some thugs in my service em-
ployed
Who'll do the job for a very small fee."
And he rubbed his hands maliciously.

Esther and Mordecai were quite upset
When they heard of this terribly wicked
threat

They sat down together and cooked up a
plan

To trim the sails of this awful man.

(The curtain closes and we're told
What next is going to unfold
Will happen in a chamber inner
When Esther throws a little dinner.)

The play continues without delay
We spy the queen and her diners gay
The party is quite small this time—
Old Ahas and Haman (Hard names to
rhyme!)

When blushing Esther tells the story
Of Haman's plottings grim and gory
The king is angered—His pulses quicken
He slaps his forehead, appears quite
stricken.

He builds a gallows in the square
Where Haman, swinging in mid-air
Is paid in full for his knavery
And the king is honored for bravery.

Mordecai receives a royal "thanks,"
And gets high office in the kingly ranks.
While Esther reigns long, and then a bit!
For when beauty is gone, she still has wit.

TALMUD TORAH CELEBRATIONS**PURIM**

The Annual Talmud Torah Purim Cele-
bration will be held on Thursday, March
2 in the Talmud Torah Auditorium. The
early shift pupils will gather at 5:00 p.m.,
and after the program will go to their
respective Synagogues to hear the reading
of the Megillah. The second shift pupils
will conduct their program starting at 8:00
p.m. The celebration will take the form
of a Purim Masquerade for which prizes
will be given and will be followed by Israeli
songs and dances and a Purim teat. The
traditional custom of Shalach Monos will
be observed by the exchange of gifts
amongst the children and parents. A holi-
day wall bulletin written and compiled by
pupils of different classes will be issued
before Purim.

HATCHOLAT CHUMASH

On Sunday morning, March 5 at 11:00
a.m., the Annual Hatcholat Chumash Cele-
bration (Beginning of Chumash Study) will
be held in the Auditorium. The following
pupils will then commence the study of
Chumash: Lipa Samuel Aronson, Aryeh
Cogan, Joseph Dermer, Boruch Eisenstadt,
Payvel Gosewich, Solomon Katz, Rachael
Kizell, Israel Levin, David Lifschutz, Dov
Lithwick, Solomon Ostrov, Zvi Moses
Podolsky, Sholem Raichman, Symcha
Rosenblatt, Leah Sadavoy, Shoshana Segal,
Shoshana Sobcov, Isaac Swedko, Solomon
Zvi Taller, Moses Tanner, Benjamin Train-
off, Jonah Wallack, Shulamith Weidman.

Recitations will also be presented by pup-
ils of the various classes and the whole
student body will join in songs pertaining
to the Torah.

Parents, relatives and friends are cordial-
ly invited to be present at this traditional
ceremony.

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RABBI CHARLES BENDER SPEAKS ON DAY SCHOOL

A large and enthusiastic audience recently heard Rabbi Charles Bender of Montreal, speak on "The Hebrew Day School Education; its defects and its accomplishments."

Rabbi Bender commented on his visit to the Ottawa Hebrew Day School and the Ottawa Talmud Torah afternoon classes. He gave unstinting praise to the Principal, Rabbi B. Kravetz and his teaching staff.

He told his listeners that the Day School in his own congregation started with nine pupils, in 1940. To-day, there is an enrollment of over 500 pupils and many children had to be turned away.

"The Day School is here to stay," Rabbi Bender said, "despite shopworn taunts of Ghetto-izing or segregation." Good citizenship is stressed in these schools. Children are imbued with the idea of being good citizens as well as good Jews. The Day School has no defects. The defects lie rather with the heads of the community who do not fully appreciate and cannot evaluate this form of education. "Religion," the speaker continued, "is a problem to-day. But too much thought is spent on the symptoms and not enough on the cause." He deplored the lack of religious training in young people to-day. Parents must give careful consideration to the religious training of their child. They are either interested or not interested in Hebrew education. This factor should decide whether or not the Day School concerns them. It is hard to break down old prejudices. But the Day School is not a new idea. In the United States, Hebrew Day Schools flourish and are ever increasing. England has had them for over 100 years. Names were mentioned of prominent Jewish titled gentlemen who graduated from these schools in England and most certainly were not considered "Ghetto-ized." The speaker concluded his talk with the question "How interested are you in preserving Judaism for your child and your child for Judaism?"

Rabbi Bender was introduced by Rabbi B. Kravetz and was thanked by Mr. Martin K. Levinson. Mr. A. L. Achbar acted as chairman.

A lively discussion ensued in which Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz and Rabbi M. D. Margolis participated. Both spoke briefly endorsing Day School education and gave warm encouragement to "the eager anxious persons who will work on its behalf."

ANSWERS TO MISSING WORDS

1. Fourteenth Adar
2. Fast of Esther
3. Book of Esther
4. Hadassah
5. Palestine
6. Ahasuerus
7. Megillah
8. Haman
9. Shushan
10. Hamantaschen.

KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS



"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos"

SCHEDULE

March 3	5:34 p.m.
March 10	5:43 p.m.
March 17	5:53 p.m.
March 20	6:02 p.m.

WEEKLY PORTIONS

March 4

Torah — "Tezavah" — (Ex. 27:20—30:10).
Haftorah — Ezekiel 43:10—27.

March 11

Shabbat Parah

Torah — "Ki Tisa" — (Ex. 30:11—34:35).
Special Reading — Numbers 19:1—22.
Haftorah — Ezekiel 36:16—38.

March 18

Shabbat Hachodesh

Torah—"Vayakhel Pikude"—(Ex. 35:1—40:38).

Special Reading — Ex. 12:1 — 20.
Haftorah — Ezekiel 45:16 — 46:18.

March 25

Torah—"Vayikra"—(Leviticus 1:1—5:26).
Haftorah — Isaiah 43:21 — 44:23.

(Passover—April 2—9 inclusive. First Seder — Saturday night, April 1. Memorial Services (Yizkor) — Sunday, April 9).

ANSWER TO PURIM PUZZLE



VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION GENERAL CLAIMS LAW

Former inmates of concentration camps and ghettos are now entitled to monetary indemnification (Deutschmark 150 for every month of imprisonment) although it may take years until actual payment is received in Canada.

Eligible are persons who were residents of the U.S. Zone of Germany on January 1, 1947. Residents of other zones may become eligible and announcements will be made in due course.

There are also a number of other claims available to persons persecuted in Germany during the Nazi Regime.

Claims must be in the hands of the German authorities not later than April 1, 1950.

The Canadian Jewish Congress will assist persons who cannot afford the services of a lawyer, in filling out the claims forms. These forms are rather complicated and have to be accompanied by evidence of the loss which people suffered, especially the time spent in concentration camps and the fact that the claimant was a resident of one of the states comprising the U.S. Zone (Bavaria, Hesse, Württemberg, Baden, Bremen.)

In the Ottawa area, persons affected are asked to register their names with the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, 451 Rideau Street, telephone 3-9379 immediately. If a sufficient number require assistance, a man will be brought from Congress Headquarters in Montreal for that purpose.

Recipients of this Bulletin are requested to place this information at the disposal of any of their friends who may be interested.

BOOK REVIEWS

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G-D'S WORLD AND JOHNNY. By Dorothy Nestlake Andrews. The Ryerson Press. Toronto. 48 pp. .75c.

We all know little Johnnys who ask questions. This book, too, is about a little Johnny who asked many questions, especially about G-d and himself, his mother and daddy. A youngster of four or five will identify himself with this little boy who wants to know, and will find that the answer to all his questions, is - G-d.

LETTERS TO MY SON. By Dagobert D. Runes. Philosophical Library. 1949. New York.

Letters to My Son is a small volume of letters in which the author, a Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Vienna, gives advice to his son. Dr. Runes covers in this book, such topics as Friendship, The Quest for Happiness, The Art of Silence, Courage of the Mind. G-d looks at You. Although somewhat superficial, the author has attempted to express what so many of us would like to tell our children, but cannot put into words.

JEWISH THEATRE GUILD PRESENTING THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS MARCH 12

Encouraged by the reception accorded its first presentation on January 8 last, the Jewish Theatre Guild reports that three one-act plays are now in rehearsal and will be presented to the general public on Sunday, March 12 at the Agudath Israel Auditorium, 30 Rosemount Ave. Both a matinee and evening performance is planned.

The directors and casts of the plays follow:

"His Children" by Rufus Lears, directed by Mrs. R. Heilingher. Cast: Myra Dover, Nap Kapinsky, Harry Kershman, Ernie Potechin, Gerald Diamond.

"Suppressed Desires" by Susan Glaspell and George Cram, directed by Mrs. H. Kershman. Cast: Roslyn Soloway, Shirley Grafman, George Wolf, Jr.

"The Wall Between" by E. E. Levinger, directed by Mrs. A. L. Kassirer. Cast: Miriam Ages, Moe Sobcuff, Bess Cardash, Nathan Stollow, Morris Schwartz, Muriel Schactel, Jack Stoller.

Maurice Schactel who has had extensive theatrical experience in England will stage manage the three plays.

Both "His Children" and "The Wall Between" are of particular interest to Jewish audiences. The former deals with the children of an orthodox father struggling with their conscience, while the latter delves into the problem of anti-semitism.

Tickets may be procured from Ben Levin, Al LaPorter, Michael Rubin or any member of the casts.

The evening is being sponsored by the Youth Committee of the Agudath Israel Congregation in co-operation with the Jewish Theatre Guild.

ORGANIZATIONS PLEASE NOTE

Organizations are asked to note the following resolution adopted at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Vaad Ha'Ir on February 23:

"No junior organization shall be permitted to conduct a fund-raising campaign without the endorsement and supervision of its parent body and the approval of the Vaad Ha'Ir."

BABY SITTING SERVICE STARTED BY A.Z.A. GROUP

The Syd Slover Junior Chapter of A.Z.A., a group of 13 to 15 year old boys, has inaugurated a "Baby Sitters Service" to alleviate the shortage that seems to exist in the city.

A unique feature of the service is the arrangement which the boys have worked out whereby a portion of the fee will go to bolster the club treasury.

Parents who are interested are asked to contact Bernie Shinder club president at 3-6471 for further particulars.

HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN GUEST ARTIST



MENACHEM REUBEN, world-renowned artist of the Yiddish stage who will be the Guest Artist at the Inaugural Dinner of the Histadrut Campaign on March 7 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

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STEEL FRAMEWORK RISES FOR SYNAGOGUE - CENTRE

The community will be pleased to learn that all the structural steel and steel floor joists required for the building under construction has already been delivered and is now in the process of being erected. The steel framework is expected to be completed by March 15. Although the tarpaulins protecting the concrete footings have been removed to make way for the steel, a two-foot layer of straw is still being kept over the foundations during the freezing weather.

Once the steel frame is in place, work can be started on the concrete foundation walls. The exterior walls of brick and stone will follow, and the building will then be completely enclosed and roofed-in.

The architects have, in the meantime, approved the stone shop drawings, and stone will be arriving on the job by the middle of April. As previously reported, brick has already been stockpiled on the site.

Barring any hold-up due to weather conditions, it is anticipated that the building will be completely enclosed and roofed in by June 1st.

Contributors still in arrears are again urged to remit the unpaid balance of their pledges without delay.

HERMAN S. ROODMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OTTAWA ZIONIST SOCIETY

The Annual Election Dinner Meeting of the Ottawa Zionist Society was held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on February 21.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. J. C. Horwitz, who indicated in his presidential report covering the year 1949-50 that the Society had enjoyed a full and successful year of activity. The treasurer's report presented by Mr. D. Zelikovitz showed a healthy financial position.

Mr. M. Ladsky of Australia, noted author and writer, spoke to the meeting on the American Fund for Israel Foundations.

The following officers were elected for the 1950-51 season:

Hon. Pres.: J. C. Horwitz, S. Berger, K.C.; S. Lepofsky, K.C.; Pres.: H. S. Roodman; Vice-Pres.: B. Levin, N. Zelikovitz, M. Bookman; Treas.: D. Zelikovitz; Sec.: W. E. Dover.

Executive Board: Honorary Members: Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz, Rabbi M. D. Margolis; Members: B. M. Alexandor, A. Betcherman, E. M. Glatt, L. Freiman, S. A. Kronick, L. S. Greenberg, H. Greenblatt, A. Shaffer, S. Spevak, I. Weiner, B. Weiss, S. Zelikovitz, H. Fine, M. Dworkin, I. Zelnick, I. Stone.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended on the marriages of:

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rapoport (nee Miriam Klein) who were married December 11, 1949 in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy Roodman (nee Rose Beckman) who were married February 23 at the Agudath Israel Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. David Shentow (nee Rose Feldberg) who were married February 12 at the home of the bride.

CRADLE ROLL

Baby son Ivan Lewis (Yitzchok Leib) born January 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Betcherman (nee Ann Torontow).

Baby son Barry Benjamin born January 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Saul Coopersmith (nee Selma Seidler).

Baby son Israel I. born February 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Farber (nee Cela Resnick).

Baby son Martin Robert (Maier Yrachniel) born January 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fine (nee Barbara Goldenberg).

Baby daughter Yoninah born January 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Goldie (nee Molly Claman).

Baby son Thomas (David Mendel) born January 16, to Mr. and Mrs. William Grossman (nee Lenka Simkowitch).

Baby daughter Elsa Merle Ruth (Esther Mirl Rachael) born February 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haltreent (nee Sylvia Margosches).

Baby daughter Rachael Leah born February 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Kizell (nee Lovella Ferguson).

Baby daughter Gloria (Golde) born January 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Klamman (nee Fay Marcovitch).

Baby daughter Judy Gloria (Yoche Golde) born January 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Klug (nee Sybil Roth).

Baby daughter Barbara Lynn (Brocho Leah) born July 7 in Toronto to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rash (nee Goldie Zbar).

Baby son Lewis Arthur (Lippe) born January 12 to Dr. and Mrs. Jack I. Rossman (nee Frances Feldman).

Baby son Norris Nathan (Nosson Nette) born February 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Satov (nee Sarah Zaretsky).

Baby daughter Judith (Essie Shulamith) born January 31 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Moe A. Schwartz (nee Eve Greenberg).

Baby daughter Barbara Leah (Brocho Leah) born February 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Moses Shainbaum (nee Esther Charlotte Hirsch).

Baby daughter Bonnie Ann (Pessie Channa) born February 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Slack (nee Stella Gilbert).

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Hilda, daughter of Mrs. Nathan Cohen and the late Mr. Cohen of Montreal to Samuel, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Symkus. Marriage to take place shortly.

Eva, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Feldberg to Israel, son of Mrs. D. Kardish, and the late Mr. Kardish.

Sadie, daughter of Mr. William Halpern and the late Mrs. Julia Halpern to Ernie, son of Mr. Harry Wasserman and the late Mrs. Anne Wasserman.

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Fleming to Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gluck. Marriage to take place shortly.

Libby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leikin to Stanley S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Katz of Cornwall, Ontario.

Marcia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Solomon to Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gold.

**DR. WOLSTEIN HEADS EYE
DEPARTMENT AT CIVIC
HOSPITAL**

Congratulations are extended to Dr. Edward Wolstein who was recently appointed Senior Ophthalmologist at the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

B'NAI MITZVAH

Congratulations are extended on the occasion of the B'nai Mitzvah of:

Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Mayberger, whose Bar-Mitzvah will be celebrated on Saturday morning, March 18 at the Agudath Achim Congregation.

Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rappaport whose Bar-Mitzvah will be celebrated on Saturday morning, March 11 at the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

A REMINDER

Duly authorized representatives of charitable institutions which have received permission from the Authorization Committee of the Vaad Ha'Ir to solicit funds in Ottawa carry official Vaad Ha'Ir receipt books.

The funds which are thus collected are turned over to the Vaad Ha'Ir for direct transmission to the headquarters of the institution concerned.

SADNESS

The Community mourns the recent loss of the late:

**Helen Baron
Jacob Beckman
Mayer Held
Freda Marcovitch**

May their memory be a blessing. May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- March 1 Ottawa Hebrew Benefit Society regular meeting, Talmud Torah Auditorium. Guest Speaker — Mr. J. C. Horwitz.
- March 2 Fast of Esther, Erev Purim.
- March 3 Purim.
- March 4 Syd Slover A.Z.A. Second Annual Jewish Ball, Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park, 8:30 p.m.
Agudath Achim Sisterhood Purim Party, Histadrut Centre 8:30 p.m.
- March 5 Annual Mizrahi Dinner, Machzikei Hadath Congregation 6:30 p.m.
- March 6 Sinai Chapter of Hadassah Fashion Show, Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park, 8:15 p.m.
- March 7 Histadrut Campaign Dinner, Chateau Laurier Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
- March 8 Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood Purim Meeting, Vestry Rooms of the Congregation, 3:00 p.m. Guest Speaker — Mr. B. M. Alexander. Agudath Israel Sisterhood Bingo, Agudath Israel Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
B'nai Brith Open Meeting, Histadrut Centre, 8:30 p.m. Guest Speaker — Col. H. Bernstein, outstanding B'nai Brith personality. Nomination Night.
- March 11 Bertha Slonemsky Chapter of Hadassah Dance, Agudath Israel Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
- March 12 Jewish Theatre Guild, three one-act plays, matinee and evening performances.
- March 14 ORT Group No. 5 Bingo, Histadrut Centre, 8:30 p.m.
- March 15 Ottawa Hebrew Benefit Society regular meeting, Talmud Torah Auditorium.
- March 19 Agudath Israel Nursery School, Film Night, "My Father's House," 8:30 p.m., Agudath Israel Auditorium.
- March 21 Ottawa Section, National Council of Jewish Women Spring Fashion Show, Chateau Laurier Ballroom, 3:15 p.m.
- March 22 B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 Election Night, Histadrut Centre, 8:30 p.m.

(This Calendar of Events has been compiled from the calendar maintained by the Office of the Vaad Ha'Ir, and it is expected will be included in each future issue of the Bulletin. Organizations planning major events would be well advised to check with the Vaad Ha'Ir, 3-9379, to ensure that no conflicting affair is taking place that particular date).